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Army Official Says Arsenal Museum Should Remain Open

A U.S. Army official said Wednesday he intends to recommend the Rock Island Arsenal Museum stay open. The U.S. Army Center of Military History is taking charge of the Army's museums, including the one at the Arsenal. Those museums, several dozen of them, now operate under various commands. The center will be deciding what to do with the museums and their collections in coming months. That could include closing some of them. Charles Bowery heads the center, and will be making recommendations about the museums to the Secretary of the Army. Wednesday night he said his report will include retaining the Arsenal museum. "My recommendation will not be to close this facility," Mr. Bowery said during a town hall meeting at the museum. More than 100 people were present, sitting on chairs arranged among the museum's displays. With him were Col. Elmer Speights, Jr., the Arsenal's garrison commander, and Maj.



Upcoming Dates

May 3: Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance, Heritage Hall, 1-2 p.m.

May 4: May the 4th Be With You Party, School Age Center, Bldg. 150, 6:30-8 p.m.

May 5: 6th Annual RIA National Day of Prayer Event, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

May 5: Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

May 5: Improving Workplace Relationships, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 1 p.m.

May 6: National Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 6: First Friday Social, Lock and Dam Lounge, Bldg. 60, 4 p.m.

May 8: Mother's Day

May 8: Mother's Day Brunch, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

May 10: 200th Anniversary of the founding of Fort Armstrong

May 10: Real Colors, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

May 10: CHPC Social Resiliency Work Group, Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 1 p.m.

May 11: RIA Fullscale Exercise

May 11: Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.

May 12: Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

May 13: RIAFC Honor Flight Golf Outing, Arsenal Island Golf Course, 11 a.m.

May 13: MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

May 14: Army 10 Miler-Qualifier, TBD

Gen. Kevin O'Connell, the senior Arsenal commander and commander of Army Sustainment Command. The final decision will be with his superiors, Mr. Bowery said. This means closure still could be a possibility, but he said the Arsenal's history is important to the Army's overall story. [\(More\)](#)

No-Nonsense SES Lawyer Retires With Almost 37 Years

Throughout her career she defended the Army in court, walked among Soldiers in theater, mentored numerous Army leaders, and worked the halls of congress. This week, she retired. Kathryn Szymanski, chief counsel, U.S. Army Material Command Legal Center, retired with almost 37 years of federal government service during a ceremony in Heritage Hall, April 28. Szymanski served as a member of the Senior Executive Service for 21 years. As the chief counsel for AMCLC, Szymanski led lawyers responsible for supporting the U.S. Army Sustainment Command, the Joint Munitions Command, the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, the Army Contracting Command-Rock Island, and other U.S. Army Materiel Command entities on Rock Island Arsenal. "She's been a true leader that people from all across the Army could look up to for mentorship and as a person to emulate," said Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general, ASC, during the ceremony. [\(More\)](#)



Public Service Recognition Week – May 1-7

By the President of the United States of America a Proclamation

Our Nation's progress has long been fueled by the efforts of selfless citizens who come together in service to their fellow Americans to change our country for the better. At the birth of our Nation, our Founders fought to secure a democracy that represents the people, and the civil servants who pour everything they have into making a difference are the individuals who keep that democracy running smoothly and effectively. During Public Service Recognition Week, we honor those who dedicate themselves to ensuring America's promise rings true in every corner of our country, and we recommit to upholding the values they fight for every day. ⚔ Throughout this week, we recognize the tireless efforts of the women and men who strive to make sure ours is a government that stays true to its founding ideals. With 85 percent of Federal Government jobs located outside of the Washington, D.C. area, our Federal workers, together with leaders and advocates from State and local levels, play key roles in ensuring the voices of the American people are heard. And even in the toughest of circumstances, including a politics that does not always fully recognize the value of their work, our public servants – often at great personal sacrifice – continue striving to build a better country and to bring lasting change to the lives of ordinary people across America. These selfless individuals tackle great challenges facing our country. Whether leading important scientific advances, helping homeless veterans get off the street and reclaim their lives, supporting small businesses and impoverished communities, or sustaining our environment by reducing harmful pollutants emitted into our air and waterways, these often unsung heroes make vital contributions to our country and help make our founding promise real for more people. ⚔ Serving the public is not just about a paycheck – it's about contributing to the steady effort to perfect our Union over time so



our democracy works for everyone. This week, let us embrace the hopeful spirit that embodies the extraordinary work of our civil servants. It is the same spirit that built America, and because of the hard work of compassionate and determined public servants, it will continue to build us up for generations to come. ([Complete Proclamation](#))

National Day of Prayer

The Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions Command, and First Army Chaplain's Offices invite you to attend our 6th Annual National Day of Prayer event. The event will take place on **Thursday, May 5**, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., in the Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The National Day of Prayer has been a vital part of United States history. In 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer." In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress that was signed by President Truman declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, establishing the first Thursday of every May as the official day of observance. Each year since its inception, the president has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. In 2015 President Barack Obama stated, "In the face of tremendous challenges, prayer is a powerful force for peace, justice, and a brighter, more hopeful tomorrow. Today, as we join together in fellowship, we seek to see our own reflection in the struggle of others, to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers, and to keep faith—in one another, in the promise of our Nation, and in the Almighty." For additional information or accommodations please contact Sgt. First Class Jeffrey Matthews at 309-782-4603.



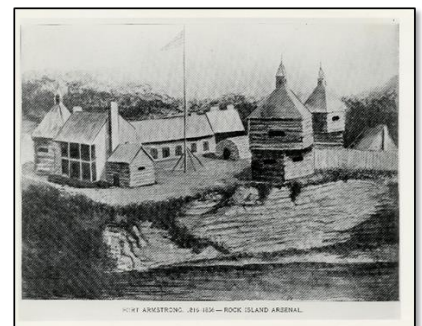
Prepare Now to PCS Later

The Rock Island Arsenal Transportation Office is available to assist those scheduled to permanently change station this summer. For those expecting to move this summer season, the Rock Island Office Transportation Office ask members to be aware of the high volume of moves beginning the middle of May through September, to include pickup, transportation and delivery. As soon as orders are received contact the installation Transportation Office to set up a counseling appointment to ship your Household Goods. Members should plan to be flexible when selecting a date for packing, pickup and delivery. Never schedule a pickup or delivery on the closing date of a residence, on the last day of residency in an apartment, the day of termination of a lease, or the day a cleaning crew is scheduled to start. ([More](#))



Remembering Fort Armstrong – May 10, Marks 200th Anniversary

Did you know **Tuesday, May 10**, marks the 200th Anniversary of Fort Armstrong? The Fort Armstrong Bicentennial marks 200 years since the founding of Fort Armstrong, the U.S. Army post that preceded the Rock Island Arsenal founded on **May 10, 1816**, when Soldiers arrived to begin construction of the Fort. Fort Armstrong was named after John Armstrong, the Secretary of War under President James Madison. The Army assigned 600 Soldiers and 150 laborers to the project. After the construction was completed, fewer than 200 Soldiers garrisoned the post. Between 1824 and 1836, the garrison was reduced to fewer than 100 troops. It was garrisoned until 1836 when it was closed because settlement and local governments made the military presence unnecessary. ⚡ Every day, hundreds of people drive by it. Built near



the tip of Arsenal Island overlooking the Mississippi River, the smallish wood blockhouse — some might call it a "fort" — is a familiar landmark for those passing between Davenport and Rock Island via the Government Bridge and viaduct. But it's probably safe to say that few who pass by know how the building got there, or what it represents. ✂ The blockhouse stands on a rock cliff, although in 1816 the cliff rose 25 feet above the water level, Schantz said. Nowadays much of the cliff face is under water level because of the locks and dam system. Among the features no longer visible is the cave in which the White Swan guardian spirit of Black Hawk's people is said to have lived. The other buildings of the fort stood farther south and east, but any trace of them or their foundations was destroyed by the building of the 15-foot railroad track embankment around 1870, Schantz explained. The bulk of today's military installation grew out of an 1862 act of Congress that established the Rock Island Arsenal. ([More](#))

Congress Is Pressuring the Pentagon to Let More Troops Carry Guns on Base

Irritated by the Pentagon's failure to establish rules authorizing more military personnel to carry personal firearms while on duty, House lawmakers have threatened to withhold funding if the Defense Department doesn't finalize a plan soon. On Wednesday, members of the House Armed Services Committee added language to their draft of the annual defense authorization bill that would withhold 15 percent of the defense secretary's policy funding if the firearms policy isn't finalized by the end of this year. Lawmakers also want to ease background-check requirements for military spouses who move across state lines for a permanent change of station.

Both proposals were introduced by Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who called them matters of basic safety and fairness for troops looking to exercise their Second Amendment rights. "These are lives," he said. "These are soldiers' lives, sailors and Marines." ([More](#))



DPTMS Security Office - Change in Hours

Effective Sunday, May 1, the Directorate, Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Security Office changed its hours of operation. This office is located in Building 102, Room 118, providing Personnel Security Finger Printing Services. The hours will change to the following:

Finger Printing Services:

- Monday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, 1-4 p.m.

All Other Services:

- Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.

This change will allow the Security Office to continue providing high quality services to their customers, and manage their time more productively. **Note: There are no changes to the finger print services for child care investigations, located in Building 102, Room 117.

American Legion Steak Dinner and More

American Legion Post 1233, 312 Broadway Street, Colona, Ill., is having your choice of a 10 oz. ribeye, 10 oz. sirloin, 8 oz. filet, or 10 oz. boneless, pork chop (grill yourself or one of the Legion's chefs will grill for you) on the first Friday evening of each month, from 5-8 p.m., starting **Friday, May 6**. The dinner includes a baked potatoes, salad bar, vegetables, dinner roll, and desert for \$15. For reservations, call by 5 p.m. Thursday prior, 309-792-8934. There will be a bake sale, and a 50/50 Raffle during the dinner hours.

Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, May 13 and 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. **The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).**



Summer Outdoor Grill at Building 60

With warmer here we have opened the outdoor grill in front of Bldg. 60, 10:45 a.m. - 12:45p.m., weather permitting. Be on the lookout for informative flyers in vending machines as well as table tents in the dining and break rooms. We will offer most of the same options as we did last year with a few new additions. I am excited to announce that Treat America has teamed up with AMI Vending and will offer ice cream this year at the outdoor grill.

VIOS Schedule for May

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **May 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

Inaugural Rockin 'n Rollin for Jason's Box

Bettendorf VFW Post 9128 and Cross Creek Entertainment are proud to present the Inaugural Rockin 'n Rollin for Jason's Box on **Saturday, May 7**, at the Bettendorf VFW located at 2814 State St., in Bettendorf. The event will kick off with a car show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Car registration will start at 10 a.m. with a \$5 entry fee. Top five cars will be voted on by participants and spectators. Spectator entrance fee is \$2. During the car show, we will be hosting hourly 50/50 drawings and a silent auction with items from some amazing local businesses. After all the car show excitement, a 50s themed dance party will be held from 7-10 p.m. and we want to see your 50s style. Prizes will be awarded to the top three best 50s costumes. Jason's Box is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to help improve the health and well-being of our troops. ([More](#))

All the Way Home V: Tri-States Veterans Commemoration Parade

The "All the Way Home V: Tri-States Veterans Event" will be **Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**, at the Five Flags Center, 405 Main Street, in Dubuque, Iowa. The event will begin with an All Military Parade Saluting Women Veterans of the Tri-States and proceeds to the Five Flags Center for Opening Ceremonies. This event is to thank our



community's Veterans and military families for their service and to showcase federal, state and local programs and services specially geared toward Veterans' issues. Elizabeth McCormick, a decorated Army Black Hawk Helicopter pilot and officer will also be speaking at this event. There will also be booths with more than 100 state and local organizations with programs for veterans and their families. For more information visit www.allthewayhomeevent.org or contact Jodi Dodd at 563-588-5697 or jodi.dodd@thmedia.com.

2nd Annual RIACU Golf Outing for Honor Flight

The Rock Island Arsenal Credit Union is excited to host the 2nd Annual RIACU Golf Outing for Honor Flight of the Quad Cities on **Friday, May 13**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course, at 12:30 p.m.; lunch and registration scheduled 11-12 p.m. The outing has reached its maximum 36 team limit, but if you would like to be put on a waiting list you can still register. You will be called the week of the event if we have found room and can pay at the event. Cost is \$75 a person or \$300 for a foursome. There will be a reception with food and awards following the outing. Last year RIACU raised \$12,000 for this Honor Flight of the Quad Cities and is looking to top that this year. Please mail [completed team forms](#) along with payment made to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, to: R.I.A. Federal Credit Union, Attn: Jake Ward, PO Box 4750, Rock Island, IL 61204-4750. ([More](#))

Ruffneck Resistance Inaugural Fun Run For Jason's Box

Let's Get Out and Ride! — The Ruffneck Resistance Inaugural Fun Run for Jason's Box will be held **Saturday, May 14**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per driver and \$5 for a passenger. Sign up will take place 9-11 a.m. at Race Car Central (RCC) at 1727 W. 4th Street, in Davenport. Last bike in by 5 p.m. Raffle items, 50/50 drawing. Stops will include: Judy's Barge Inn in Buffalo, Iowa; Tee's Ice Cream & Burgers in Muscatine, Iowa; Rhino's Bar & Grill in Tipton, Iowa; The Depot in Donahue, Iowa; and the final stop will be Scott's ShovelHead Shed at 220 N. Pine, in Davenport. Come out and help us support our veterans in need. Monies raised through raffle and drawings will go directly to [Jason's Box](#).

AUSA Military Appreciation Night at Modern Woodman Park

The Association of the United States Army-Rock Island Chapter 5102, is hosting veterans at the Quad Cities River Bandits game versus the Clinton Lumberkings on **Thursday, May 19**, at Modern Woodman Park. The event is free to all military veterans and AUSA members. AUSA will honor military service during the game. Tickets can be picked up the Modern Woodmen Park the evening of the event with a military ID card or proof of service. Tickets will also be available through any AUSA board member. For information regarding this event, please contact [Marla Schultz](#) at 563-219-3322.



Jason's Box & Patriot Place Inaugural Campfire Gathering

Jason's Box will hold its inaugural campfire gathering on **Friday, May 20**, 6-10 p.m., at Scott County Park. Bring your families as this will be a fun time for all. We will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, potato salad, a pot of cowboy beans, cold drinks and the fixings for s'mores. We will have firewood, sticks for roasting hot dogs, paper plates and glasses. All we ask of you is to bring your own chairs and whatever extra that you want to eat or snack on during the event. We know that there are people who want to help and be involved in helping and supporting our returning vets and active military through Jason's Box/Patriot



Place activities so that is why we are having this event so we can get together and have fellowship and get to know each other better.

Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 776, 669 and 299, VFW 828, and MAVA Chapter Hero Street are sponsoring the [Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade](#) taking place **Saturday, May 21**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The start of the parade will be in the city of Rock Island and will end in the city of Davenport at Veterans Memorial Park. The purpose of this celebration is to honor veterans of the Vietnam War including those killed in action, prisoners of war, and missing in action for their service and sacrifice and to thank their families. Our parade will include honor guards from all services, military and school bands, military vehicles and floats carrying our veterans and their families. ([More](#))



RIAWC Golf Tournament

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is proud to partner with the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium to host this 2016 charity golf outing on **Tuesday, May 24**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course; an event open to all who want to have fun and support RIAWC. Registration is 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The banquet dinner is 6-8 p.m. in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$125 a player. Registration includes green fees, cart, range balls, drink coupons, lunch, and dinner. Registration is open until all teams have been filled. Non-players can register for "dinner only" for \$25. The golf tournament format is a 4-man scramble (best ball). There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers along with prizes for designated holes. To register for golf, or RSVP for the "dinner only," please contact Wendy Truckenbrod at 563-726-9567 or at riawcfundraiser@yahoo.com. Note: If you're interested in sponsoring or donating to this event, please contact Wendy.

QC Honor Flight Set for May 26

The Quad-City Honor Flight Hub has announced it is now accepting Vietnam veterans for the group's third and fourth flights this year. Applicants must have served between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, to be considered a Vietnam War Era Veteran. The program operates on donations from individuals and organizations. Volunteers plan and coordinate the flight events. All flights depart on a non-stop charter from the Quad City International Airport to Washington D.C., and return at approximately 10 p.m. the same day. Trained guardians are assigned to the veterans to ensure they have a safe, memorable, and rewarding experience. Vietnam veterans within a 75 mile radius of the Quad Cities are encouraged to apply. They must submit an application along with a copy of their DD-214 (available at <http://honorflightqc.org/application-forms>). Applicants are cell 4-8 weeks prior to the honor flight date to advise them they have been selected for the next scheduled flight. Applications are dated in the order they are received. Additional information is available on the Internet at www.HonorFlightQC.org or by calling 563-388-3592. Upcoming Honor Flights will take place **Thursday, May 26**.



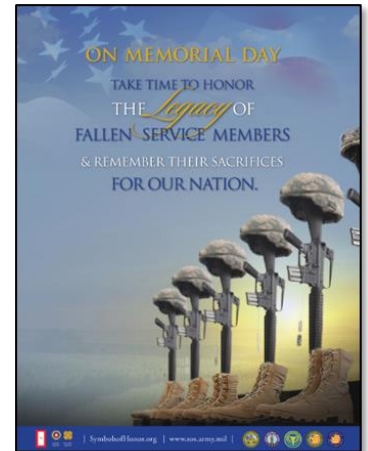
Flag Placement

Cemetery volunteers are needed for placement and removal of American flags. The Rock Island National Cemetery is seeking volunteers to place American flags at the headstones of fallen service members in honor of Memorial Day. Work to place the flags will begin at 4 p.m., **Thursday, May 26**, rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, flag placement will be 4 p.m., **Friday, May 27**. Work to remove the flags begins at 7:30 a.m., **Tuesday, May 31**, weather permitting. All volunteers need to show up inside the cemetery to receive flags and instructions. The public must enter the Arsenal through the Moline Gate. For more information, call 309-782-2094.



Memorial Day Ceremony

A Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m., **Monday, May 30**, at Rock Island National Cemetery. C.O. Smith; USMC, Vietnam Veteran, State Commander of the Marine Corps League of Illinois, will be this year's speaker. The ceremony will also include patriotic music by the CASI New Horizons Band, as well as a chorus from the CASI Goldentones; a National salute by the Illinois National Guard, Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery Regiment; an honor salute by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 299; an echo salute by Davenport American Legion Post 26; and Taps by John Adams, Davenport American Legion Post 26. There will be no parking at the cemetery for this ceremony except for individuals who are wheelchair bound. Parking for all others will be behind Memorial Park in the large lot. Buses will be transporting people from the parking lot to the cemetery and will run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors should arrive early to ensure enough time to park their vehicles and be transported to the cemetery. Memorial Park is located off of the main Island road, Rodman Avenue at the corner of East Street. The public must enter the Arsenal through the Moline Gate. For more information, call 309-782-2094.



Quad Cities 241st Army Birthday Ball

Save the Date! U.S. Army 241st Birthday Ball will be **Friday, June 17**, at the QC Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, 5-6 p.m. receiving line and cocktail hour, 6:30 p.m. - formal activities begin. The event will celebrate 241 years of rich tradition and the Soldiers who fought to protect the freedom of our great nation throughout various conflicts. \$65 individual or \$480 for a table of eight. Attire is: Military - Dress Mess/Army Service Uniform; Civilian - Black tie preferred. Lodging - special hotel accommodations available by calling 800-843-4753; please mention group code: USA0617; rooms must be reserved by **Monday, June 6**. Please RSVP for the event by **Friday, June 3**. ([Registration and Menu](#))



Closure of the Records Holding Area, Bldg. 331

The Records Holding Area located in Bldg. 331 will close effective **Friday, Sept. 30**. All records that are stored in the facility must be moved or disposed of no later than **Thursday, Sept. 1**. It's the responsibility of each organization/command to relocate and provide space for their own records or dispose of records eligible for destruction. For more information contact [Joyce Rollins](#), Garrison Records Manager, 309-782-1245.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — AT&T Wireless:

As a service member of the U.S. Army you could be saving 15 percent on the monthly service charge of qualified wireless plans. Visit your local AT&T store at 4500 16th Street, (inside SouthPark Mall) Moline or 3120 E. 53rd street, Davenport, or to purchase online, visit att.com/wireless/USArmy If you visit a local AT&T store, please have proof of eligibility. Mention Discount Code: FAN2421660 **Sunset Lakes Resort:** Located near Hillsdale Illinois at I-88 Exit #6, we offer free campsites for those who currently serve and veterans; call 1-800-747-5253 for reservations. Complete details on both military weekends at www.sunsetlakesresort.com under our news section. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Building 85 Parking Lot Repairs

On April 4, Public Works began work to repair the parking lot that services Bldg. 85 (Child Development Center under ages of six). Building 85 is located at the northeast corner of East Court Drive. The work effort includes installation of parking and sidewalk. The work is expected to be completed by **Monday, May 16**, depending on weather. A temporary parking area and sidewalk will be installed to support utilization of the facility during construction.

Bldg. 110 Handicap Ramp Repairs, Entrance Closure

On April 6, Public Works began making repairs to the handicap ramp on the northwest corner of Bldg. 110. The work will include the removal and replacement of the handicap ramp, steps, sidewalk and railings. The entrance will be closed during construction. Handicap accessibility to the building can be made by using the passenger elevator, which can be accessed through the northwest doors of the basement courtyard via South Avenue. The construction is scheduled to be completed by **Wednesday, June 15**, depending on weather.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.

Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



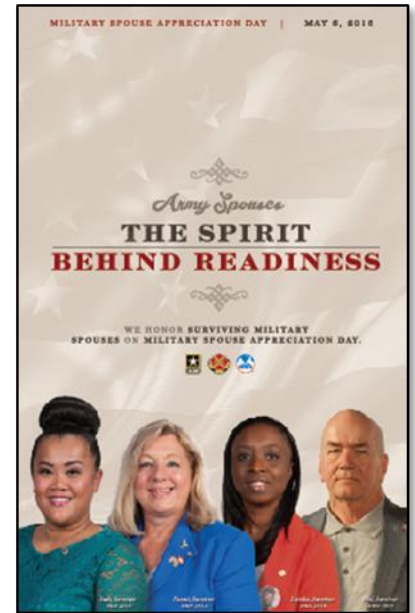
May is National Military Appreciation Month

In 1999, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month to encourage the nation to publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by Service members -- past and present. The declaration summoned U.S. citizens to observe the month "in a symbol of unity, to honor the current and former members of the Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace." During National Military Appreciation Month, garrisons worldwide host special events such as parties, balls, picnics, dedications, and "Run to Honor" events -- specifically to thank and honor military members for their service. The theme for this year's commemoration is United States Armed Forces: The Strength of Red, White & Blue. Many activities and events are planned at installations and agencies around the world, some combining two or more observances. Soldiers, Families, retirees and civilians are invited to participate in programs and events and encouraged to express their appreciation. National Military Appreciation Month reminds all of the sacrifices Service members and their Families make to protect the nation's freedom. The Army is the strength of the nation -- the strength of the Army are the Soldiers, Families, retirees and civilians. The strength of the Soldiers and civilians is the Total Army Family, and taking time to honor those who faithfully serve demonstrates the nation's gratitude for their service.



Military Spouse Appreciation Day

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed the first proclamation officially recognizing Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The Department of Defense then standardized the date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. In 1999, Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day a part of National Military Appreciation Month. This year the commemoration falls on **Friday, May 6, 2016**, and the theme is Army Spouses: The Spirit Behind Readiness. The theme showcases how spouses are vital to the strength, resilience and readiness of the Army. In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, garrisons Army-wide will hold a variety of programs and special events to celebrate military spouses. Program coordinators in Army Community Service and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will plan events such as luncheons, educational workshops, spouse employment fairs, socials and spa nights. These events are opportunities for the Army to show their gratitude and support for military spouses. The Army promises to take care of Families through the promotion of many Army strategic campaigns such as Ready and Resilient, which includes the Army Family Action Plan, and Total Army Strong. The Army understands that providing high quality of life programming to Families is crucial to building a strong and resilient community. The Army recognizes the important role that spouses play in today's Army. After more than a decade at war and multiple deployments, spouses continue to support America's Army by serving in multiple roles as community leaders, mothers, fathers and Soldiers. Through mission, deployment, reintegration and reset, military spouses are the backbone of the Families who support the Soldiers. They are essential to the strength, resilience and readiness of the nation.



Retired Colonel to Speak at the U of I Professional MBA Program in the QC

The University of Iowa Professional MBA Program in the Quad Cities is thrilled to announce that (Ret. Col.) [Iowa Rep. Ken Rizer](#) will speak on **Friday, May 6**, at 6 p.m., during their Executive Speaker Series at their new Quad Cities campus located at the Birchwood Learning Center, 4620 East 53 Street, in Davenport. Rizer will be speaking on the topic of Influencing Change through Leadership; learning about what role influence plays in creating the change you want. Attendees will learn how mastering influence enhances your ability to impact and guide both your personal and corporate change. "We are so excited to have Ken speaking to our community," said PMBA QC Site Director, Michel Pontarelli. "This topic is something that is extremely beneficial to not only our students, but also military personnel transitioning to the private sector and business professionals in our community in both the non-profit and for-profit space." Rizer proudly served 25 years as an Air Force officer & fighter pilot. After retiring from the military, he served as the Senior Vice President of Operations for Goodwill of the Heartland, employing people with disabilities and homeless vets. Elected to the Iowa House in 2014, he serves as the Vice Chairman of Appropriations, the Chairman of the At Hoc Budget Review Subcommittee, and as a member of the Commerce, Human Resources, Judiciary, and HHS budget committees. This event is co-sponsored by the University of Iowa Professional MBA program in the Quad Cities and the University of Iowa Community Credit Union and is free and open to anyone in the community. Register [online here](#) or call (800) MBA-IOWA. Appetizers will



be served from 5:30-6 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. The new Birchwood Learning Center is located at 4620 East 53rd Street, in Davenport. For more information please call Michel Pontarelli at 319-335-3782.

Operation Appreciation Military Family Event

In honor of Armed Forces Day & Military Appreciation Month, all military members past and present and their families (including National Guard and Reserve forces) are encouraged to join us **Saturday, May 21**, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at Memorial Park, for a fun family day at the park. There will be family competitions, food, prizes and Military exhibits. For more info call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Military Kids Camp 2016 for Youth Impacted by Military Service

Youth Ages 8-16... join us for a fun-filled week, **July 3-8**, of summer camp adventures at YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, the Quad Cities premiere overnight camping facility for youth. Would you like to live in a cabin and enjoy traditional camp activities—swimming, hiking, horseback riding, campfires and much more? Then this camp is for you. This special Military Kids Camp is open to all youth and teens ages 8-16 whose parent, sibling or other close relative serves in any branch of the military — active duty, Guard or Reserves. Kids will also enjoy special activities just for military kids – hands-on workshops, Military Day hosted by the Illinois National Guard, Resiliency, and more. Questions call 563-381-3053. ([More](#))

Bix 7 Road Race Waives Entry Fee

The 2016 Bix 7 organization is again happy to be able to offer free entry, **July 30**, to all active duty military, Reserve and Guard. Again, there will also be a specific viewing area location designated for and honoring our veterans at Brady and Kirkwood. Complete the [printable entry form](#), enter your military ID number where indicated and mail your entry to us. You must pick up your packet in person at the Bix 7 Expo and show your military ID. Last year we had an increase over the first year, we hope to be able to continue that momentum again in the third year of this appreciation. ([Entry Form](#))



Safety Spotlight

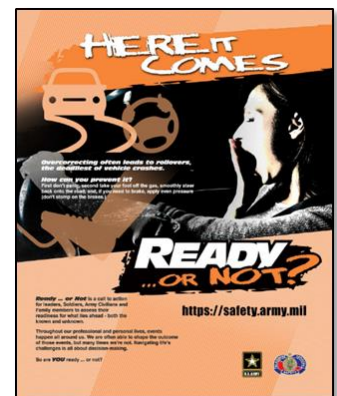


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Overcorrecting and Rollovers: From Bad to Worse

Driving off the road is bad enough, but overcorrecting only makes it worse. “Overcorrecting is often indicative of running off the road and overreacting by jerking the wheel to get the vehicle back on the roadway,” said Walt Beckman, Driving Directorate, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. “It’s usually due to inattentiveness, fatigue, or failing to maintain contact with the road in a curve.” Motorists who exit the roadway and then overcorrect create a loss of control event, which is a small but deadly component of the Army’s overall accident numbers. According to data available from the USACRC for fiscal 2015, loss of control was cited as a cause in seven fatal accidents, with speed and improperly entering a curve contributing to most. “Those loss of control accidents accounted for roughly 15 percent of the 46 PMV fatalities recorded in fiscal 2015,” Beckman explained.



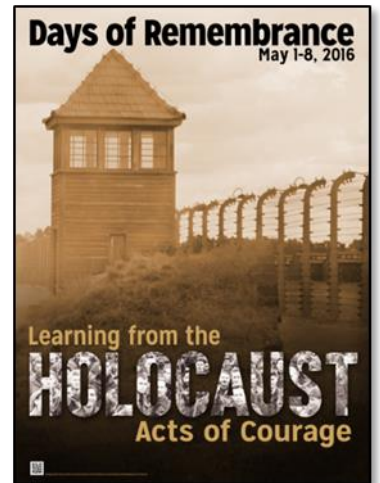
“Loss of control in almost all cases is associated with another causal factor such as speed. In contrast, 17 of those 46 accidents, or 37 percent, were solely attributed to indiscipline such as speed, failure to wear seat belts or alcohol use.” Overcorrecting often leads to rollovers, which are the deadliest of vehicle crashes. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Rock Island Arsenal Days of Remembrance

The First Army Equal Opportunity Office invites you to the Rock Island Arsenal Days of Remembrance on **Tuesday, May 3**, in Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall, from 1-2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Felix Weil, a Holocaust survivor and part of the Kindertransport, the informal name of a series of rescue efforts which brought thousands of refugee Jewish children to Great Britain from Nazi Germany between 1938 and 1940. At the age of 11 Weil found himself in England, still not realizing that he would never see his family again. In 1941, his parents and sister were sent to the Lodz ghetto in Poland, and his father died there. His mother and sister died later in concentration camps. In 1945, an aunt and uncle brought him to the United States, but he was drafted and sent back to Germany to serve with the occupation forces. He graduated from Kent State University and has lived in Dayton since 1950. He is now retired from the art business. He and his wife Frances have two children and a grandchild. National Days of Remembrance



is observed from May 1-8 this year. During this week, we remember not only the millions of victims and survivors of the Holocaust, but also the heroes whose actions saved incalculable lives. A little more than 70 years ago, witnesses to the atrocities of Nazi-occupied Europe, were faced with the choice of stopping the persecution of their neighbors and fellow countrymen or standing by in acquiescent silence. Unfortunately, fearing for their own lives, many people opted for the latter. However, some remarkable individuals chose action over fear, courageously standing up to tyranny and hatred. Army leadership has asked the entire Army family to honor the courage of those individuals who chose to take a stand against persecution by rejecting all forms of prejudice and bigotry. Leadership has also asked us to remain vigilant against the threat of genocide and to let us honor both those who perished and those who quietly triumphed over oppression by letting our actions illustrate tolerance and respect for all people. The Army will pay tribute to the victims and survivors of the Holocaust by telling their stories in command information products at all levels. Army installations throughout the world will also honor them through local events during the month. As an Army, we must reject all forms of prejudice, bigotry, and hatred in order to remain strong. As we mourn those who were lost and honor the survivors, we should remember the hatred and persecution that led to the atrocities that we must remain vigilant against. Arsenal workforce employees can use keyword "Holocaust" to sign up in [TEDs](#). For additional information or accommodations please contact [Sgt. First Class Jose A. Vazquez](#) at 309-782-9761.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

Lock & Dam Lounge Closes for Renovations

Effective April 2, the Lock & Dam Lounge closed for renovations until further notice.

MWR Text Alerts

Grab your mobile phone and text **EZZHV32984 4** to the number **313131** to join our text list and have all the latest and greatest MWR news delivered right to your phone. We'll keep you up to date with all the fun and exciting upcoming MWR events and programs as well as coupons and special offers available only to text alert subscribers. Message and data rates may apply and you can opt out at any time by replying "**stop**" to **313131**. Check out the flyer for a quick and easy QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to automatically generate the message for you. ([Flyer](#))



Cinco de Mayo Buffet Specials

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a different delicious Mexican dish as the hot option each day from **May 3-6** at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Buffet also includes the regular soup, salad & sandwich options and includes a drink for just \$9/person. Call 309-793-1601 for more info or visit www.arsenalislandgolf.com/index.cfm/clubhouse/lunch1 for the hot menu item of the day. ([Flyer](#))

First Friday Social & Great River Brewery's Arsenal Pale Ale Tapping

Join your Island colleagues **Friday, May 6**, 4-7 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. This special First Friday will feature a handle takeover with Great River Brewery rolling out their new Arsenal Pale Ale that they've created just for us. Bring your 2015 Rocktoberfest stein and get \$2 off refills. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))



Muscular Music Workshop

The common diatonic harmonica (Harp) is a powerful tool for engaging and reconditioning the muscles and motion that give us breath. The harp has been used to relieve stress for centuries. President Abraham Lincoln carried one, as did many Civil War fighters. German, British, and U.S. Soldiers carried them into WWI. Today the harp is used widely for COPD and other pulmonary dysfunctions. This workshop, **Saturday, May 7**, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Fitness Center, will introduce training methods designed to get maximum harp breathing efficiency with minimum effort. Training will include uncommon postures. Cost for this workshop is \$40 and includes one harmonica in an unopened box. For more info or to register (only 12 spots available), call 309-782-6787. ([Flyer](#))

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Show Mom how much she means to you **Sunday, May 8**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Arsenal Island Clubhouse, by treating her to a delicious all you can eat brunch buffet featuring complimentary Champagne & Mimosa bar at the beautiful & historic Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$24.95/adult and \$12.95/child (4-12). This event is open to the public and the new installation access policy has been waived for this event, simply present a valid ID (IL driver's license is valid) for all adults (18 +) in the vehicle at the gate, no background check is required. Call 309-782-4372 for more info and reservations. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, May 4**. ([Flyer](#))

Army Ten Miler Qualifying Run

All active duty are encouraged to sign up for the **Saturday, May 21**, 6:30 a.m., qualifier race here at the Rock Island Arsenal, the top six finishers in this race will go on to represent RIA at the annual Army Ten Miler Race on **Sunday, Oct. 9**, in Washington D.C. Call the Fitness Center at 309-782-6787 or stop by and fill out the registration paperwork. ([Flyer](#))

Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse

Has it been a while since you've had lunch at the Golf Clubhouse? If so come back Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and give it another try because we've got some exciting new options that are sure to fit your appetite and schedule. Try the daily soup, salad and sandwich buffet featuring a delicious house made soup du jour and fresh baked breads for just \$9/person. ([menu is available here](#)) ([daily buffet items here](#))

Spring Car Care Month Oil Change Special at the Auto Shop

The days are getting longer and gas is cheap so get those cars ready for summer road trips. All during the month of April get standard oil changes for just \$21, standard oil change includes up to five quarts of 5w20 or 5w30 oil + oil filter. Call 309-782-8631 for more info and to schedule your appointment. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Discount Tickets for Upcoming Local Shows & Bus Trips at the Leisure Travel Office

Leisure Travel which is located in Bldg. 333 (next to the Exchange) has discount tickets for the following upcoming shows/trips. Contact them at 309-782-5890 or visit their webpage: www.riamwr.com/community-recreation/leisure-travel for more information.

- **Saturday, June 18:** Sister Act at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse
- **Sunday, June 19:** NASCAR Xfinity Series Race Trip to Newton, IA
- **Saturday, July 9:** Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip
- **Friday, Aug. 12:** Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip to Wrigley Field

Sister Act

Area premiere... this feel-amazing Broadway musical comedy is based on the hit 1992 film featuring Whoopi Goldberg and has audiences jumping to their feet. When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent. Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets (\$46) on sale until **Friday, June 3**.

Event Date: **Saturday, June 18**

Event Time: **6 p.m.**

MWR Infinity NASCAR Bus Trip

3rd Annual Newton Iowa Xfinity race Father's Day weekend. Depart from Motel 6 parking lot (by McDonalds near the Moline Airport) Transportation & Ticket \$69, last day for signups will be **Friday, May 20**. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/nascartrip> Call or stop by office to register as well.

Event Date: **Sunday, June 19**

Event Time: **8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip

What is Chicago's recipe for a fantastic food festival? Chefs and musicians, combined with entertainment for all ages and several thousand tasting servings of favorite Chicago bites. Fill up on all flavors of Chicago – from classic local dishes, to specialty cuisines from ethnic neighborhood restaurants, to inspired chef creations. — or — You can't truly experience Chicago without a trip to Navy Pier. This 50-acre playground of entertainment, museums, activities, restaurants, and shops is the perfect place for some family fun time. This is a popular bus trip and fills up fast. Cost for your transportation is \$41 per person.

Event Date: **July 9**

Cubs vs. Cardinals

Leisure Travel will be offering another Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip on **Friday, Aug. 12**. Bus trip includes transportation aboard a Tri-State Motor coach and a ticket to the game. Location of seating is in Terrace Reserved. Time of game and departure will be announced at a later date. Package is \$129 per person. Limited alcohol is allowed on the bus.

2016 Adventureland Tickets

Leisure Travel has discounted one day admission tickets for the 2016 season to Adventureland Amusement & Water Park. Adult and Child \$33; at the gate adult is \$42, child is \$37.

Child, Youth & School Services



Army Transitions to Simplified DoD Request For Childcare Website

The Army is transitioning to a new single portal Department of Defense website designed to make it easier for Soldiers to find the childcare they need. In March 2016, select Army garrison families will begin to use www.MilitaryChildCare.com as their website to search for and request child care services where they are or where they are planning to move. "The vital function of this website is to simplify the child care search process, helping patrons make better informed decisions about their child care needs," said Theresa Sanders, the Installation Management Command Child, Youth and School Services Outreach Services Program Manager. "The DoD has worked hard to develop a system which allows patrons to create their own account, search and request care, manage requests and update their profile from the convenience of their home," she said. Using MilitaryChildCare.com, parents can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care they need, and submit a request for care at any time from any location, Sanders explained. Web services were first tested in pilot programs throughout the military branches including U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii. Soldiers and Families at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Forts Belvoir, Campbell, Detrick (Forest Glen and Frederick), Drum, Knox, Lee and Meade, Watervliet Arsenal and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall will gain access to the site in March. Each garrison is working directly to notify the families affected and assist in the implementation of the DoD website rollout. ([More](#))



May the 4th Be With You Party

On **Wednesday, May 4**, 6:30-8 p.m., the School Age Center is hosting a Star Wars themed family night for children and parents alike. There will be a Jedi obstacle course, build your own light saber, star wars crafts, BB-8 training, free hotdogs, and more. Call 309-782-5019 to RSVP for a night of fun. May 4 is considered a holiday by some Star Wars fans to celebrate the franchise's film series, books, and culture. The date was chosen for the easy pun on the catchphrase "May the Force be with you" – "May the Fourth be with you." Even though the holiday was not actually created or declared by Lucasfilm, many Star Wars fans across the world choose to celebrate the holiday. ([Flyer](#))



Armed Forces Day America's Kids Run

Mark your calendars for the 2016 America's Armed Forces Kids Run on **Saturday, May 21**, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., at Memorial Park. This is open to the public, so please be sure to share this event with all your friends and family. We will have a variety of races for children ages 3 to 13-years-old.

- 100-yard dash 3-4 year olds
- ½-mile run 5-6 year olds
- 1-mile run 7-8 year olds
- 2-mile run for 9-13 year olds

These are all for fun, and non-competitive. Register by Saturday, April 30, for \$8/child to be guaranteed a t-shirt and finishers medal. Price increases to \$10 on **Monday, May 2**. The races will begin at 9 a.m. We will also have a family fun zone with lots of activities after the races. [Register here](#) or call 309-782-0511 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.

Operation Appreciation Military Family Event

In honor of Armed Forces Day & Military Appreciation Month, all military members past and present and their families (including National Guard and Reserve forces) are encouraged to join us **Saturday, May 21**, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at Memorial Park, for a fun family day at the park. There will be family competitions, food, prizes and Military exhibits. For more info call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Advanced Résumé Class

This class, **Friday, May 6**, 1:30-3:30 p.m., ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110), is for spouses but open to all service members, retirees' DA civilians and their family members. Learn advanced techniques on how to tailor your résumé for federal employment. RSVP required by **Friday, April 29**, call 309-782-0829 or e-mail usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil ([Flyer](#))

New Kingdom Trailriders Equine Assisted Therapeutic Riding Program

This program, taking place **Friday, May 20**, 5:30-8 p.m., is for the education and recreational benefit of physically, cognitively, and emotionally disabled individuals. Exceptional Family Members Program Enrollees and their immediate family members. Riding Rules: Riders must be a minimum of three-years-old through adult. A release of liability form must be signed for all participants. Attire is long pants and closed toed shoes. Location is at a horse farm, there are no flushing toilets-portable potty only. Snacks will be available for participants. Must RSVP by **Friday, May 6**, by calling 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Grief Support Group

Have you been struggling with the recent loss of a loved one? The EAP welcomes you to attend confidential group sessions to share your feelings with others who are experiencing the same emotions and challenges to daily living. Participants will receive support and companionship from others while learning about the grieving process. Groups will be held each **Thursday** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the EAP in Bldg. 56, Room 104; to RSVP call 309-782-4357.

Time Management

Do you feel like there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Learn how to prioritize tasks and manage your time more effectively. Upcoming class dates are **July 26**, and **Oct. 25**, at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Improving Workplace Relationships

Relationships in the workplace are very much like relationships in our personal lives. Therefore they require many of the same skills we use with those who are closest to us. Learning these skills makes sense because many of us spend more time with our co-workers than with our family members. Skills learned are based on research based concepts and address issues of communication, conflict, respect and trust. Upcoming class dates are **May 5**, **June 7**, and **Aug. 2**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Working with You Is Killing Me

The workplace can be a volatile environment where people can sometimes rub each other the wrong way. This workshop will help you manage difficult personalities on the job and take control of what you can control in the workplace: You. This workshop will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. You can register on [TEDs](#) or call 309-782-4357.

Event Date: **May 26**

Event Time: **10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Emotional intelligence addresses five competencies; Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Self-Motivation, Empathy, and Effective Relationships. Upcoming class dates are **June 28**, **Sept. 27**, and **Dec. 20**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

The RIA Employee Assistance Program Presents: Real Colors

Want to enhance your communication skills? Real Colors offers you a peek into human personality. It will provide you with a better understanding of human behavior and help you recognize, accept

and learn to value the difference in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Location: Bldg. 56, Room 122, Sign up in [TEDs](#) (Search key word "Real Colors" or contact Lori Griffin at 309-782-2551 Additional dates: **Aug. 9, Nov. 8.**

Event Date: **May 10**

Event Time: **8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Assertiveness Training

Learn strategies to communicate with effectiveness and enhance yourself personally and professionally. Upcoming class dates are **Aug. 23** and **Nov. 29**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."



Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more.](#)

Make Military Credit Count - Review your Joint Services Transcript

Each year the JST Operations Center, the American Council on Education, and DANTES personnel receive many questions from Service members. The following questions and answers can help education counselors answer the most frequently asked questions.

☐ **Where do I access and print my JST?**

☒ Members need to register for a JST account online at <https://jst.doded.mil>. Members are able to view and print unofficial transcripts directly from the registered account. If they are unable to register, go to <https://jst.doded.mil/faq.html> for more information. Official transcripts may be ordered here as well.

☐ **I have course or training information missing from my JST, what should I do?**

☒ Each service has a detailed process for corrections and updates to the JST, the member should go to <https://jst.doded.mil/correction.html> for their service's guidance. Members can also process a query and upload documents from their registered account for a faster response.

☐ **How do I have my official transcript sent to a school?**

☒ Members should log into their JST account and click the "Transcript" link at the top of the page. On the "Transcripts" menu, click the "Official Transcript Request." On the next page, search for the school and select the institution from the list. Select the institution in the search results. Be sure to verify spelling and location are correct. On the next page, acknowledge the consent statement and click "Yes." If the school is not listed, members can have their school representative email JST personnel and request their school be added. Send email to jst@doded.mil.

☐ **Is there a limit to the number of official transcripts I can have sent out?**

☒ The delivery method determines how many transcripts can be ordered and sent out. If the delivery method is electronic, there is no limit. Note that Army and National Guard can only send transcripts to institutes that have electronic delivery. If the delivery method is U.S. Postal Service, only two transcripts can be ordered within a 30-day period, due to the cost associated with generating and mailing.

☐ **My school isn't taking some credits from my JST. What are my options?**

☒ It is up to each institution to decide whether the JST/ACE recommendations are accepted, modified or rejected. Students can ask their school if they offer challenge exams, portfolio assessments, CLEP/DSST testing, and/or competency based classes as options to assess and validate the member's previous experience.

Field Test DLPT - German and Hindi — Do You Speak German or Hindi?

The Army is seeking field test participants to complete the Defense Foreign Language German and Hindi (DLPT5) Starting **Tuesday, May 3**, through **COB Sunday, July 31**. Participates will be provided with a signed letter of appreciation from the Assistant Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. The listening and reading tests are both three hours. For your convenience, the test may be administered in one setting or schedule the test in two separate settings. Interested in taking the test? Please contact the Rock Island Education Center for more information or to be scheduled at 309-782-2065.

DSST - Retake Your Exam for Free

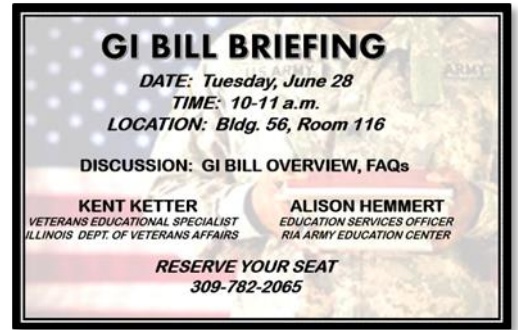
Effective April 18, military service member students who do not pass their first DSST exam will be eligible for one free retake. Students will be able to take advantage of this promotion by providing a voucher code at the time of retest. The voucher code will be sent to students via email 1-2 days after taking the exam. Please note the DSST Public Speaking Exam is not applicable for the second shot promotion. Students taking this exam will not receive a voucher. This promotion does not cover administrative or sitting fees. Students will be able to take advantage of the promotion until **Tuesday, May 31**. As part of this limited time promotional offer DSST has reduced the standard wait period to retake a DSST exam from 90-days to 30-days beginning April 18. Take the next step and review exam content outlines, and Petersons free test prep materials. Don't wait to take advantage of this limited offer. Visit <http://getcollegedcredit.com/assets/pdf/DSST-second-shot-web.pdf> for more information.

Higher Education

Do you plan on attending college? Do you know where to start? We have the answer for you. The next Higher Education Track (course) is scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14-15**, Bldg. 56, Room 122. The Higher Education Track helps guide you in pursuing a college education with preparation for college application process. Topics covered include: identifying educational goals, finding education funding, and researching and comparing institutions. This course is designed to guide you through the variety of decisions involved in choosing a degree program, college institution and funding considerations. This course is open to all military service members and their family members. Please phone 309-782-7780 to reserve your seat.

Using the GI Bill: Some Factors to Consider

Please join us for a GI Bill Briefing on **Tuesday, June 28**, 10-11 a.m., in Bldg. 56, Room 116. Kent Ketter, Veterans Educational Specialist - Illinois Dept. VA and Alison Hemmert, Education Service Officer - USAG RIA Army Education Center, will provide a GI Bill overview and address FAQs. Call 309-782-2065 to reserve a seat. As an eligible service member, veteran, or dependent planning to use the GI Bill, consider yourself a consumer about to make one of the most important decisions of your life. You owe it to yourself to thoroughly consider your educational and career goals, needs and options in order to utilize the GI Bill in the most timely and cost-effective manner possible. Some questions to consider: • What are my career goals and how do they relate to my educational needs? • How do I choose a school that is right for me? • Will my professional field respect a degree from the school I'm considering? • How well does my chosen school support Veterans and dependents? • In addition to the GI Bill, what are other ways to finance my education? • What are grants and loans? Remember, in the military you demonstrated commitment, discipline, and a desire to succeed. As a dependent you developed strong critical-thinking and decision-making skills. Leverage those same qualities when considering the school that best provides what you need and maximizes your investment. For more information and resources: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/choosing_a_school.asp.



Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Ashford University, **June 16**; • Black Hawk College, **July 14**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **May 5, June 2, and July 7**; • Kaplan University, **May 19, and Aug. 18**; • Saint Ambrose University, **July 21**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **May 12, and July 28**; • University of Dubuque, **May 26, and Aug. 11**; and • Upper Iowa University, **June 9**. Meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities.



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you. Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [here](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Commissary Gift Cards Offer Unique Value for Patrons

Gift cards are a great idea. They solve the problem of trying to figure out what to give someone with a simple answer: give them a choice. But then you're faced with a different question – which card to give? Sure, you could give them one for an online retailer, but then much of the card's value would probably go toward paying shipping costs and handling fees. What to do? Here's an idea: get them a commissary gift card! Authorized shoppers can then pick out what they want, knowing they're getting the biggest bang for every dollar spent by shopping at the commissary and taking advantage of the best prices in town. And from meat and potatoes to hanging plants, commissaries sell a surprising variety of everyday needs. ([More](#))

May Is Military Appreciation Month at the Commissary

Commissaries are offering special savings in May with case lot events and promotions celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Military Appreciation Month, Memorial Day and more. "We can't thank our service members and military family members enough for all they do to preserve our rights to freedom and maintaining the security of our nation," said Tracie Russ, director of sales for the Defense Commissary Agency. "We encourage them to take advantage of all the special sales events we're offering this month. They have earned it!" As shoppers prepare to hit their commissary for discounted items, they can also check out www.commissaries.com for Rewards Card coupons, the commissary's sales flyer and a list of Value Brand items designed to offer savings lower than or equal to commercial stores' private label products. Also, the Exclusive Savings link, www.commissaries.com/partners.cfm, has more coupons, specials, promotions, sales and healthy recipes. ([More](#))

Spring Case Lot Sales Offer Maximum Savings

Military members and their families in the U.S. wanting to load up on savings only need to venture as far as their local store during the Defense Commissary Agency's spring National Case Lot Sale event. "You cannot find a better deal than our case lot events to save up to 50 percent on some items," said Tracie Russ, DeCA's director of Sales. "Many of our savvy shoppers circle their calendars for these events – they never miss the chance to stock up." Each stateside store hosts an individual two- or three-day case lot sale. Sale dates begin in some locations as early as the first week in May and in others as late as the end of June. Patrons are encouraged to check the Case Lot Sales page for schedules. Commissaries in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also participating. ([More](#))

Commissary May Case Lot Sale

The Rock Island Arsenal Commissary is having its May Case Lot Sale on **Friday, May 20**, and **Saturday, May 21**, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. both days.



Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Friday, 12-4 p.m. Closed weekends, Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society May Dinner Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, May 5**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu for the dinner includes a garden salad, chicken parmesan with buttered pasta and green beans, fruit parfait for dessert. All will be prepared by the golf club kitchen. Dinners include rolls and bread sticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 including tax and tip. Please have your check or cash ready to give to Dick Hochstetler or Linda Miller when you arrive. This event is open to members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. The program will be presented by Scott Lamb, Director of the National Cemetery on the Rock Island Arsenal. Lamb will inform us about the history of the cemetery. He will tell us about the veteran's information and spousal benefits.

Learn More about Mrs. Antoine LeClaire

Her husband, Antoine, was larger than life so you'll receive an introduction to Marguerite LePage LeClaire. Learn more about Mrs. Antoine LeClaire at the program and lunch the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is hosting on **Sunday, May 15** at 1 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. Our speaker, Dr. Maryan Wherry, holds a Master of Science in History and a Master of Arts in English from Illinois State University. She earned a PhD in American Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University. Over the past decade, Dr. Wherry has written and compiled a collection of biographies of nearly 30 Quad City women, collected into an anthology entitled, Quad Cities' Herstories. She is working on a history of the Rock Island County Poor Farm and is expanding the history of Western Township in Henry County. The cost to attend the CDHF program is \$20 per person and advanced reservations are required. Purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org or call Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 by **Sunday, May 8**. For more information on CDHF events, membership, volunteer opportunities, and the Colonel Davenport House, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 2-8

In May 1874, the guard house building at the main gate entrance on the western portion of the Island was completed. In May 1962, the RIA established a Tool and Equipment Division. The tool and equipment engineering activities were removed from the RI Ordnance Depot. On May 4, 1836, the U.S. Army troops garrisoned at Fort Armstrong evacuated the post. The RIA received an order on May 5, 1898, two weeks after the U.S. declared war on Spain, for 54,000 outfits of infantry equipment, 5,000 outfits of cavalry accouterments, and 5,000 sets of horse equipment. On May 6, 1856, the Steamer "Effie Afton" crashed into the railroad bridge at Rock Island setting the boat and bridge on fire. This incident led to the famous court room clash between steamboat and railroad interests. On May 8, 1945, the Allied nations celebrated V-E Day, victory in Europe.

Healthbeat

New Regulation Requirement for Children Under 10

If you have children age 10 and up please ensure they have a dependent ID card. It is required to be seen by providers and to get medication from pharmacy. This is not a new regulation by any means and will be enforced in the future. You can obtain them from Bldg 102. Please be respectful to our pharmacy staff as they are only following the regulations. If you have any questions please contact Capt. Breckons (OIC of clinic)-or Capt. Trudell (OIC of pharmacy). ([Clinic site](#))

Notes for Veterans

Operation Appreciation Military Family Event

In honor of Armed Forces Day & Military Appreciation Month, all military members past and present and their families (including National Guard and Reserve forces) are encouraged to join us **Saturday, May 21**, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at Memorial Park, for a fun family day at the park. There will be family competitions, food, prizes and Military exhibits. For more info call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

VA Life Insurance Program Scores High in Veteran Satisfaction

VA's Life Insurance Program received a strong customer satisfaction score of 81 on a scale of 100 from the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), an independent survey that scores customer satisfaction for more than 300 private companies and federal and local government agencies. "VA is proud of the excellent service provided by its dedicated Insurance Program employees and the recent ACSI results they achieved," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. "As part of our MyVA transformation effort, we will use the feedback from the survey to continue to build upon our strong customer service performance and further enhance the experience of the Veterans we work hard to serve every day." As part of its mission to serve Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families, VA's Life Insurance Program provides individuals with the peace of mind that comes with knowing their family's financial security is protected, given the extraordinary risks involved in military service. VA provides more than \$1.3 trillion in coverage and insured 6.4 million Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families in fiscal year 2015. For more information concerning VA's Insurance Program, go to www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/index.asp.

Around the Q.C.

May 5: [Quad City Youth Summit - Stop The Violence - Keep Us Safe](#) (Beyond The Baseline, 1540 W 12th St, Davenport)

May 5: [USA VETS Writer's Studio](#) (Midwest Writing Center, 225 E 2nd St, Ste 303, Davenport)

May 5: [Cinco de Mayo Fiesta](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

May 5: [Invasive Species Removal](#) (Black Hawk College)

May 6: [Leadercast 2016 - Architects of Tomorrow](#) (Leadercast Quad Cities, 2018 Grant St, Bettendorf)

May 6: [RiverStages Reading - "Spill"](#) (Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House, 1105 8th St, Moline)

May 6-8: [Algonquin River Powwow of Champions](#) (Credit Island, Davenport)

May 7: [Inaugural Rockin 'n Rollin for Jason's Box](#) (Bettendorf VFW Post 9128, 2814 State St.)

May 7: [Kentucky Derby Bash](#) (Me & Billy, 200 W 3rd St, Davenport)

May 7: [Rev it up for Awareness Ride](#) (Eagles Lodge, 4401 W Locust St, Davenport)

May 7: [Village in Bloom](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 7: [3rd Annual Cinco De Mayo Nacho Ordinary 5K](#) (Ganzo's Davenport)

May 7: [Quad Cities Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Blooming Basket Event](#) (Advance Auto Parts, 3813 18th Ave, Rock Island)

May 7: [FORC + Living Lands & Waters - Invasive Species Removal](#) (Illiniwek Forest Preserve, 1201 State Ave, Hampton, Ill.)

May 7: [Get Out and Trail](#) (GOAT) (Quad City Trails)

May 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum)

May 8: [Quad Cities Distance Classic](#) (Augustana, Rock Island)

May 10: [QC World Cultures Festival 2016](#) (Western Illinois University-Quad Cities)

May 10: [Books and Brews Night at Great River Brewery](#) (Great River Brewery, 332 E 2nd St, Davenport)

May 10: [Houseboats on the Mississippi](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

May 10-11: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

May 11: [Sylvan Slough Natural Area Work Day](#) (4501 Third Avenue Rock Island)

May 11: [Avery Tap Takeover](#) (Radicle Effect Brewwerks, Rock Island)

May 13: [2nd Annual RIA Federal Credit Union Golf Outing for Honor Flight](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)

May 13-14: [Factory of Fear: INFECTED](#) (Factory of Fear, 5027 4th Ave, Moline)

May 14: [Young Life Quad Cities' 'You Were Made For This 5k' Race](#) (Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline)

May 14: [Dwyer and Michaels Prom from Hell](#) (Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Rock Island)

May 14: [Family Camp 2016](#) (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, Blue Grass)

May 14: [Strawberry Blonde Ale Tapping](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

May 15: [Bears for Buddies Ride](#) (Rock Island County Court House)

May 15: [Give & Grub](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

May 16-21: [4th Annual Quad Cities Beer Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

May 19: [AUSA Military Appreciation Month at the River Bandits sponsored by AUSA](#) (Modern Woodmen Park, 7 p.m.)

May 20: [Run for the Wings](#) (Wieblers Harley-Davidson, Davenport)

May 21: [Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Quad Cities Bi-State Commemorative Parade](#) (Rock Island and Davenport)

May 21: [The Wild 5, Running Wild](#) (Unity Point - Trinity, Bettendorf)

May 21: [Color the Quads 5K Run & Kids Fun Run](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)

May 21: [LiveFit with Lupus Race & Festival](#) (Pebble Creek Golf Course, LeClaire, Iowa)

May 21: [Quad Cities Craft Beer Festival](#) (Bass Street Landing, Moline)

May 21: [MadeRight Market](#) (Lincoln Park, Rock Island)

May 21: [Sunderbruch B&B Trail Races](#) (Sunderbruch Park, 4675 Telegraph Rd, Davenport)

May 28: [First Step Riverfront 5K presented by Western Illinois University](#) (WIU-QC)

May 28: [Bikes Blues & BBQ](#) (Wieblers Harley-Davidson, 5320 Corporate Park Dr, Davenport)

May 27: [Colona Memorial Day](#) Festival (Colona, Ill.)

May 30: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 31-June 4: [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)

June 2: [Living Lands and Waters' 2016 Barge Party](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)

June 3: [2016 HAVlife™ Brew Off](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island)

June 3-4: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)

June 4: [Shamrock 'n Roll](#) (Kavanaugh's Hilltop, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)

June 4: [Quad Cities Comic Con](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

June 4: [College Hill District Retro Rally 2016](#) (College Hill District Rock Island)

June 10-11: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 11: [2016 Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure](#) (iWireless Center)

June 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall)

June 11: [Milan American Legion Riders 5th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo](#) (American Legion Riders Post 569, 515 W 1st Ave, Milan)

June 11: [Crawfish Boil & Widespread Wit Tapping](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

June 13: [iCan Bike Camp](#) (3541 Morton Drive, East Moline)

June 14: [History of our Locks & Dams](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

June 16-18: [Quad City Symphony Orchestra's Volunteers for Symphony 33rd Annual Second Fiddle Sale](#) (Former Moline Library located at 504 17th Street)

June 18: [The Micro Brew Mile and 6K Road Race](#) (5th Avenue, Moline)

June 18: [Quad Cities Triathlon 2016](#) (West Lake Park, Davenport)

June 18: [3rd Annual Micro Brew Mile Craft Beer Festival](#) (Downtown Moline)

June 18: [World Refugee Day Festival](#) (Singing Bird Nature Center, Rock Island)

June 18-26: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

June 19: [32nd Annual Ride the River: Father's Day Bicycle Ride](#) (River Action, 822 E River Dr, Davenport)

June 24: [Picnic on the River 2016](#) (American Red Cross, 1100 River Dr, Moline)

June 24: [American Red Cross' Picnic on the River 2016](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)

June 24: [Mud, Sweat & Cheers Obstacle Challenge](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)

June 24: [Ultra BlackOut](#) (The Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport)

June 25: [Royal Ball Run For Autism](#) (Hyvee, Milan)

June 25-26: [6th Annual BBQ & Craft Brew event](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)

June 25-26: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

June 26: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

June 26: [Hemmings Motor News Great Race - San Rafael, Calif. to Moline, Ill.](#) (Moline)

July 1-2: [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

July 4: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)

July 13: [YouthFest](#) (Fejervary Park, 1800 W 12th St, Davenport)

July 14-16: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (I-80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

July 15-17: [Radish Magazine's 2016 Yoga Fest](#) (Holiday Inn, Rock Island)

July 16: [Rivers Edge Homebrew Festiv-ale](#) (The District Plaza, Rock Island)

July 16: [Insane Inflatable 5K Quad Cities](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

July 19-23: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)

July 29-30: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 2-7: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Aug. 4: [Freedom Run 5K](#) (733 15th Ave., East Moline)

Aug. 4-7: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)

Aug. 6: [2nd Annual BBQ n' Blues Fest](#) (Rolling Smoke, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)

Aug. 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.)

Aug. 9: [Experience on a Towboat from Rock Island to St. Louis](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

Aug. 11-13: [Tug Fest, LeClaire](#) (Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 13: [Case Creek Obstacles 5K Mud Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)

Aug. 13: [13th Annual Xstream Cleanup](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

Aug. 19-20: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 20: [Floatzilla: Canoe & Kayak Floatilla](#) (Sunset Park, 1309 Mill St, Rock Island)

Aug. 26-27: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Aug. 27: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)

Sept. 3-4: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 10: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri Casino Parking Lot, Bettendorf)

Sept. 10: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 10: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 16-17: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport)

Sept. 17: [River Action's 11th Annual Taming of the Slough](#) (Hampton, Ill.)

Sept. 17: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport)

Sept. 17: [2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Quad Cities](#) (iWireless Center)

Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport))
Sept. 23-24: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline))
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 1: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 2: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Oct. 7-9: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 9: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 22: [4th Annual QC Tweed Ride](#) (Freight House, Davenport)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island))
Oct. 29: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Oct. 29-30: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.)))
Oct. 29: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Nov. 12: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline))
Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport))
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 19: [City of Davenport Garbage Gobble Creek Cleanup](#) (Davenport)
Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport))

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